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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION**

RAYMOND CHARLES MEYER,

Plaintiff,

v.

ARS NATIONAL SERVICES, INC., D/B/A  
ASSOCIATED RECOVERY SYSTEMS, a  
California corporation, and JASON A.  
HOWERTON, individually and in his official  
capacity,

Defendants.

Case No. C07-06422-JF-PVT

**EXPERT DECLARATION OF SCOTT  
MAURER IN SUPPORT OF  
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR  
ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS**

I, Scott Maurer, declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California and the United States, 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the following statements are true:

1. I am a member in good standing of the California State Bar. This declaration is submitted in support of Plaintiff's motion for reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge, except for those statements based on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true, and if called upon as a witness could and would testify thereto.

2. I graduated from Santa Clara University School of Law with distinction in 1995. I was admitted to the bar in December, 1995. Since February 1, 1996, I have been a Supervising Attorney at the Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center (formerly known as the East San José Community Law Center). At the Law Center, I supervise the handling

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DECLARATION OF SCOTT MAURER

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1 of all consumer cases.

2 3. In 2004, I filed a motion for attorney's fees in conjunction with an FDCPA  
3 case, seeking to be awarded fees at a rate of \$280 per hour. On March 16, 2004, the Honorable  
4 James Ware awarded me the rate of \$280 per hour and 100% of the fees requested. (Case No. C 03-  
5 03128, *Gonzales v. Exigere*, N.D. Cal; Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment  
6 Pursuant to Rule 55(b)(2), 11:11-12:7).

7 4. In the last two years, I have been awarded \$300 per hour for my work by three  
8 different trial court judges, as described in more detail in ¶¶ 5-7 below. Although those cases did  
9 not involve the FDCPA, all were consumer cases and all involved alleged violations of California's  
10 Automobile Sales Finance Act (ASFA). In my opinion these ASFA cases are similar in complexity  
11 to FDCPA cases.

12 5. On May 30, 2006, the Honorable Gregory H. Ward awarded 100% of the fees  
13 requested, and issued an order specifically finding that \$300 per hour was reasonable. (Case No.  
14 1-05-CV-038566, *Solorzano v. Lobel Financial et al.*, Santa Clara County Superior Court; Order  
15 Awarding Attorney's Fees to Plaintiff's Counsel).

16 6. On November 28, 2006, the Honorable Neal A. Cabrinha issued an order  
17 following a contested fee motion awarding me fees at \$300 per hour. Again, the order specifically  
18 found that my requested rate was reasonable. The order was entered on December 6, 2006 in *Ford*  
19 *Motor Credit Company v. Perea*, Santa Clara County Case Number 1-05-CV-049314.

20 7. On January 31, 2007, the Honorable Richard Keller issued an order following  
21 a contested fee motion awarding me fees at \$300 per hour. Again, the order specifically found that  
22 my requested rate was reasonable. *Pacific Credit Service Union v. Samper*, Alameda County Case  
23 Number FD 52455455.

24 8. I am familiar with Mr. Schwinn's work by, among other things, his  
25 volunteering at our law clinic. I am also familiar with attorneys' rates in this geographical area.

26 9. I understand that Mr. Schwinn is seeking a rate of \$300 per hour. I  
27 understand that Mr. Schwinn was first admitted in 1997. Based on my work with Mr. Schwinn, I  
28 believe his expertise in FDCPA issues is comparable to my own. Based on all of the above, and on

1 standard rates in the area from my own knowledge, I believe that \$300 is a reasonable hourly rate  
2 for Mr. Schwinn's time.

3 Executed at San Jose, California on May 27, 2008.

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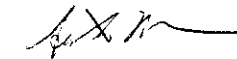
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